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SAPD Officer-Involved in Shooting

A preliminary investigation of a shooting involving a San Antonio Police Officer has revealed that shortly before 1:30 this afternoon, a woman had called police stating her ex-boyfriend was at 307 Ward threatening to kill himself possibly with a gun and had been there earlier damaging her home. 41-year-old Officer Stephen Appelt, a 14-year veteran, along with other officers were dispatched to the call.

When they arrived they found 22-year-old Alfred Herrera inside a car. He told police he had a knife and also told police to kill him. Herrera got out of the car and continued to talk with police while walking toward the front of the house. Herrera got inside the house where he ran to the kitchen and grabbed a butcher knife. Herrera, armed with a knife, lunged toward Officer Appelt and fearing for his life, Officer Appelt fired two shots striking Herrera.

Alfred Herrera was pronounced dead at the scene. No one else inside the home was injured. Although not pertinent to the on-going investigation, Alfred Herrera was found to be the brother of an active San Antonio Police Officer. Pending death notification, the officers identify will not be released.

The San Antonio Police Department Shooting Team is investigating the shooting while Officer Stephen Appelt will be placed on Administrative Duty, which is standard in all officer-involved shootings.

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